ject perspective/specifications become inescapable having inherent effect on project cost escalation. Nevertheless, the project and financial commitments are closely monitored by the Steering Committee and are frequent interaction between representatives of Services and the HAL.

Escalation in the cost of AJT

2379. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the AJT whose cost was Rs. 10.12 crores in 1980 now costs about Rs. 75 crores a piece; and

(b) if so, the justification for the delay in sanctioning the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) and (b) The final cost of the aircraft is not yet known as commercial negotiations with the two shortlisted vendors have not been completed. The requirement of AJT for IAF has been structured in the 9th Plan.

Victimisation and atrocities against women

2380. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names, addresses alongwith complete details of women organisations which are in the forefront to fight victimisation and atrocities against women;

(b) whether such atrocities have registered a marked increase over the last two years, especially in metropolitan areas, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the effective step taken by Government to ensure that atrocities and victimisation against women is curbed, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Available information on the incidents of crime against women during 1995 and 1996 along with the data in respect of four metropolitan cities is given in the statement (*See* below).

(c) The registration, investigation detection and prevention of crime against women is the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations. However, the Government of India has initiated a number of measures to check such crime. Apart from bringing out a number of legislations and carrying out legislative changes in the relevant Act, instructions/guidelines have been issued from time to time to the State Governments/UT Administrations to effectively enforce legislation relating to crime against women. Besides, the media is being used to project women in positive terms. A legal literacy manual has also been brought out with the aim of educating women about laws concerning their basic rights.

Statement

Incidence of total crime against women during 1995 & 1996
(State & UT and City-wise)

S. No.	State/UT	1995	1996
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	9097	9783
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	68	60
3.	Assam	2331	1636
4.	Bihar	3790	N.A.
5.	Goa	143	71
6.	Gujarat	4392	3925
7.	Haryana	2042	2297
8.	Himachal Pradesh	781	816
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	812	920
10.	Karnataka	5659	5293
11.	Kerala	2063	2776
12.	Madhya Pradesh	15358	15039
13.	Maharashtra	16340	15815
14.	Manipur	101	92
15.	Meghalaya	39	25
16.	Mizoram	100	68
17.	Nagaland	27	5
18.	Orissa	3344	3059
19.	Punjab	614	843
20.	Rajasthan	9422	10603
21.	Sikkim	45	63
22.	Tamil Nadu	8774	3512
23.	Tripura	261	315
24.	Uttar Pradesh	11976	15652
25.	West Bengal	6382	6176
	TOTAL (STATES)	104461	103844

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
26.	A & N Islands	25	23
27.	Chandigarh	62	91
28.	D & N Haveli	17	17
29.	Daman & Diu	2	N.A.
30.	Delhi	1828	2719
31.	Lakshadweep	0	0
32.	Pondicherry	50	45
	TOTAL (UTs)	1984	2895
	TOTAL (ALL-INDIA)	106445	106739
1.	Mumbai.	1277	727
2.	Calcutta	433	433
3.	Delhi	1828	2710
4.	Chennai	536	443

Source : 1. 1995—Monthly crime statistics and crime in India—1995.
2. 1996—Monthly crime statistics.

Note : 1. Data for the State/UT of Bihar, Daman & Diu, Gujarat and Meghalaya have been taken from monthly crime statistics for certain crime heads due to non-availability of annual data.
2. Figs. for 1996 are provisional.
3. Figs. of Mumbai for 1996 are upto November excluding September.
4. Figs. of Chennai for 1996 are upto December excluding February & March.

Airworthiness of BSF Aircrafts

2381. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Border Security Force is a paramilitary organisation guarding our frontiers, and according to a report in the Tribune of 5th June, 1997, all its aircrafts are grounded for the past few weeks;

(b) if so, whether it is not amounting to compromising the security of the country as vital input of BSF "airworthiness" is not available;

(c) what alternative arrangements have been made for performing air duties, so vital for the functioning of this force; and

(d) what are the reasons for this sorry state of affairs, and who is responsible therefor and by when these aircrafts would become airworthy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (d) 5 aircrafts/helicopters, out of 9 available with Border Security Force, are presently op-